

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, March 27, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
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TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, D. C., March 27, 1824.

My Dear Wife, I have Just recd your kind letter of the 8th instant with heartfelt Joy and thankfulness to that kind providence who grants you health and cheerfulness. I am gratefull to my friend Major Eaton for his letter to you, he and the family we live in are truly kind and attentive to me; when the most indisposed; I find in them, and Genl Call what I may call, most truly friends. Still my love, there has been a gloom unusual over my spirits this winter that I cannot well account for. I still try to arouse my former energy and fortitude to banish it, but it will obtrude itself on me at times. I suppose it arises from being placed in a situation in which I take no delight; and being forced from you when I least expected that seperation. altho time hangs heavy on me, still I am cheered with the prospect of the approaching warm season, and my speedy return to you. I cannot yet say at what time congress will rise. When I can, I will assuredly point out my rout to you; and if it should be convenient for you, it will give me great pleasure that you meet me at some given point. I pray you not to give yourself any uneasiness about the farm or any thing else; I wish you to keep your mind calm and your spirits cheerfull; as I know this is all important to your health. present my respects to Mr Parsons and tell him I am much pleased with his good conduct. I have delivered your message to Major Eaton, he is glad that you in your letter will be silent as to Sodom and Gomorrow. These are things intended for yourself, and might be injurious to him here.

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Say to my son I have recd his letter; and forgive his mistake; tell him I noted it that he might hereafter be more carefull, least by carelessness he might be lead into a habit of mistakes injurious to him in his passage throgh life. say to him he must attend to his writing and spelling. Doctor Tucker and Mrs Wilson and Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Oneal and her daughters all join in warm respects to you. give my Love to the Andrews and the young ladies and all friends and believe me to be your affectionate Husband

P. S. Tell Lyncoya¹ I expect him to be a good boy and to hear from you when I come home that he has been so in my absence, and has learned his Book well.

¹ An Indian boy whom Jackson took to the Hermitage and brought up when the boy's parents were slain in the Creek war.